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1. Most of the troops of the Lieberose (N 52/A 49) area left toward the west prior to 20 July 1950. The majority of the units were tank elements. Large tank columns were observed moving along the roads. It was said that the Lieberose area was only lightly occupied after that time. (1)
2. Two trains of 40 to 50 cars each, most of them flatcars, stood at the Lieberose railroad station on 9 July 1950. Troops started loading trucks [redacted] on one of the trains. About 30 trucks were lined up for loading.
3. A train composed of about 40 flatcars and 4 or 5 boxcars in the last phases of unloading, was at the Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) freight station on 10 July 1950. Ten trucks, each coupled to two AA guns of 40 to 50 mm caliber with barrels about 2 meters long, were still standing beside the train. Only a few soldiers were at the train. The unloading was watched by a colonel who, in his passenger car, followed the trucks toward the Artillery Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse. (2)
4. A march column of 15 platoons, each with 2 officers and 40 to 50 EM, moved into the Artillerie Kaserne on August Bebelstrasse, Frankfurt/Oder, on 11 July 1950. The column came from the direction of Muellerrose-Lieberose and the soldiers appeared to have been marching for a long time. They carried only rifles and submachine guns. A colonel, riding passenger car [redacted] twice let the column pass his car. (3)
5. Approximately 400 large, closed boxcars were seen in the Frankfurt/Oder marshaling yard after mid-July 1950. They were either new or thoroughly overhauled. It was said that they were kept at the disposal of the Soviet Army.
6. Numerous large and well-kept passenger cars, all occupied by high-ranking officers, were seen in the streets of Frankfurt/Oder on and after 20 July 1950. [redacted]
7. Ten groups of about 50 soldiers each boarded a train of approximately 17 cars at about 9 a.m. on 25 July 1950. The train stood by the loading ramp on Fuerstenwalderstrasse and was already under steam. The soldiers were 18 or 19 years of age, wore red-bordered black epaulets

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and carried rifles and overcoats. They had arrived from the direction of August Bebelstrasse, allegedly from the Infanterie Kaserne. Each group was led by an officer. The train presumably left for Lieberose. (4)

Comments.

- (1) In early July 1950 [] the number of troops at Lieberose had decreased. [] The present report supports that information. However, [] prior to the end of July 1950 only rear details were in the Frankfurt/Oder barracks, with the exception of the Artillerie Kaserne. [] The post at Fuerstenwalde was also reported to have been only lightly occupied prior to 20 July 1950. [] It is believed that component units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div, which went to the Lieberose maneuver area in the spring of 1950, temporarily left the maneuver area during the first half of July 1950. A similar observation was made at the same time in the Wittstock maneuver area. []
- (2) Probably a unit of the AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which is stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder. []
- (3) Probably also troops of the AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army as the column returned to the Artillerie Kaserne, presumably after a road march.
- (4) Only a guard detail was reported to have been in the Infanterie Kaserne (Hindenburg Kaserne) on August Bebelstrasse before the beginning of July 1950. []

It is considered possible that the troops loaded in Frankfurt/Oder had used the barracks only as transient quarters. [] a similar movement of soldiers going from Frankfurt/Oder to Lieberose in late June and early July 1950. These troops, however, came from the Buelow Kaserne, the Horn Kaserne and the Artillerie Kaserne. []

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